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Dasho Dzongdags/Thrompons
20 Dzongkhags & 4 Thromdes

Sub: COVID-19 safety Guidelines and Checklist for reopening of schools/NFE & ECCD Centres

Dear Dashos,

In the wake of COVID-19 pandemic, Ministry of Education (MoE) is concerned about safety of our students, ECCD children & NFE/CLC learners. The matter of fact is, schools and centres are one area where large number of staff, students and learners gathers with a common goal of delivering quality education. We are fortunate that, under the benevolent wisdom and blessings of His Majesty and timely intervention by the government, we did not face the serious consequences as a result of the pandemic, except for the disruptions in contact teaching in the last academic year. Our collective prayers, and efforts are that we are better prepared for 2021 academic session to continue education without disruptions.

You might like to note that the 2021 academic session starts from 5th February 2021, and it is certain that students, ECCD& NFE/CLC learners will come back excited to be back in the schools, ECCDs, and NFE/CLC centres, as much as teachers. This is the time we have to be more mindful about the COVID-19 protocols. Last year, we have circulated COVID-19 safety protocols received from the Ministry of Health to schools, along with a contextualized protocol adapted to education institutes and guidelines issued by the Ministry. Considering the changing times, need of the hour, and the trend of the pandemic, the Ministry has revised the earlier SoPs, guidelines and documents, which we would like to share with the schools and centres.

Therefore, we would like to request Dasho to help us to reach in every school, ECCD centres and Non-Formal Education/Community Learning Centres, and support monitoring in its implementation. This effort is mainly to supplement the protocols put in place by the MoH, and to ensure preparedness of our schools/centres after recent lockdown, as well as to prepare towards opening of schools for 2021 academic session.

Yours sincerely,

(Karma Galay)
Director General

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3. Dasho Secretary, Ministry of Education, Thimphu for information, please.



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